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Title of the Invention: MP121, A GROWTH/DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR OF THE TGF- β FAMILY (as amended)

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 21 October 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title as shown on the following pages.

Please amend the specification as shown on the following pages.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 24-26 as shown on the following pages.

Please add new claims 29-34 as shown on the following pages.

Marked-up copies showing the amendments to the specification and claims are attached. Material inserted is indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted is indicated by strikeout (~~strikeout~~).